

# Riparian Open Space Program

## **Application Form A** For Conservation Easements

(Landowners who wish to sell their lands should complete Application Form B)

Date Received	Application Number	Application Status
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### **General Instructions**

Please fully read the Application Instructions before completing this form. Landowners must determine whether their property is qualifying Channel Migration Zone (CMZ) land and eligible for the Riparian Open Space Program. The application packet must include the following items:

- Completed and signed application form
- Completed and signed Environmental Check List
- Description of the method used to determine that the land proposed is qualifying CMZ land
- Map(s) of the proposed land(s) showing the CMZ and the approximate boundary between the CMZ and the Riparian Management Zone core area

Please send the completed application packet to:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Riparian Open Space Program  
P.O. Box 47014  
Olympia, WA 98504-7014

Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications may be returned for additional information before being processed.

**Information about Qualifying Land**

*Please provide complete and accurate information to help DNR staff assess whether the proposed property may be qualifying CMZ land.*

Applicant name		
Applicant's mailing address and phone number		
Contact name and phone number for questions regarding this application		
County or counties in which qualifying CMZ lands are located		
Tax Parcel Identification Number(s) that contain qualifying CMZ land, and county where that land is located	Tax Parcel ID # _____ _____ _____	County _____ _____ _____
Qualifying CMZ lands must be shown on county assessor's records as currently designated as forest land under chapter 84.33 RCW or subject to current use taxation as forest land under chapter 84.34 RCW	Do all the tax parcels listed above and represented by the applicant as qualifying CMZ lands meet the stated requirements for forest land designation or taxation as described in the box to the left?  ____ Yes, all parcels meet stated requirements.  ____ No, the following parcels do not meet all stated requirements:	
Estimated acreage of CMZ land(s)		
Location of land(s) by Section, Township and Range	Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Circle East or West	

Landowner's Intent and Valuation	
<p>List all persons, banks, trusts, corporations or other entities having any right or interest in the land(s) covered by this application and provide an accurate description of such right or interest. <i>(See Application Instructions for examples of typical interests or rights in property.)</i></p> <p><i>Attach additional sheets if needed to show all parties.</i></p>	<p>Name #1: _____ Interest: _____</p> <p>Name #2: _____ Interest: _____</p> <p>Name #3: _____ Interest: _____</p>
<p>Has every holder of a right or interest in qualifying CMZ land(s) been contacted by the applicant, and do they unanimously agree to encumber lands covered by this application with a perpetual conservation easement under terms acceptable to the DNR and the landowner?</p>	<p>_____ Yes</p> <p>_____ No      If no, please explain:</p>
<p>Do all the holders of a right or interest in the proposed qualifying CMZ lands wish to receive compensation as prescribed in legislation creating the Riparian Open Space Program, subject to availability of funding, or do they wish to donate the lands?</p>	<p>_____ All wish to receive the statutory compensation.</p> <p>_____ All wish to donate.</p> <p>_____ Applicant has included a separate explanation that fully describes which parties wish to receive compensation for granting a permanent conservation easement and which parties do not desire compensation.</p>
<p>Have you completed the Environmental Check List, and are you aware of any hazardous substances, conditions or practices on the proposed lands?</p>	<p>_____ I have completed the Environmental Check List and am including it with this application.</p> <p>_____ Yes, I am aware of hazardous substances, conditions or practices on the proposed lands.</p> <p>_____ No, I am not aware of any hazardous substances, conditions or practices on the proposed lands.</p>

<p>Describe the legal and physical access you desire to convey as part of this application.</p> <p>Include a legal description of the property you desire to convey, along with any associated easements and the sources of all legal descriptions provided.</p>	
<p>Are you willing to pay 100% of the costs for a property survey that meets DNR standards or pay a licensed surveyor to write a legal description for any associated easements that DNR determines are necessary?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally yes, depending on the estimated cost of survey(s) or legal description(s).</p>
<p>List stumpage value area and hauling zone in which the qualifying CMZ land(s) lie.</p> <p><i>(See Instructions for reference map and link to Washington Department of Revenue website.)</i></p>	<p>Stumpage value area:</p> <p>Hauling zone:</p>
<p>Should DNR keep this application on file pending future funding availability, if adequate funding is not currently available to consummate conveyance of qualifying CMZ land(s)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, keep application on file for future funding.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, do not keep application on file.</p>
<p>If your application is kept on file and selected for future funding, do you wish DNR to use the WA Dept. of Revenue's most recently published land value and stumpage value tables at the time of processing as the basis for compensation?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, use the updated published tables.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No, use the tables that were in effect at the time of the original application.</p>

<p>Are you aware of anything that would negatively affect DNR's ability to manage the lands proposed in this application for ecological protection or for fisheries enhancement?</p>	
<p>Are you willing to pay all costs of procuring a litigation guarantee or title history from a title company, provide DNR with complete copies of all documents obtained as part of a litigation guarantee or title history search for the property, and forward these documents to DNR when requested for the final preparation of conservation easement documents?</p> <p><i>Note: DNR will pay for the cost of litigation guarantee or title policy for donated conservation easements acceptable to DNR under provisions of the Riparian Open Space Program.</i></p>	<p>_____ Yes</p> <p>_____ No</p>
<p>What interest do you propose to convey as part of the conservation easement?</p>	<p>_____ Trees/timber value only.</p> <p>_____ Land value and trees/timber value.</p>

Description of Land Values	
<p>Describe the ecological value of the qualifying CMZ land(s) you propose to convey, including the importance to salmonids, and describe the sources of the information.</p> <p><i>If additional space is needed for this information, please attach those pages to this application.</i></p>	
<p>Describe the water quality benefits of the land(s) you propose to convey.</p> <p><i>If additional space is needed for this information, please attach those pages to this application.</i></p>	
<p>Describe the quality of habitat found on the land(s) you propose to convey.</p>	
<p>Describe the site significance of the land(s) you propose to convey.</p>	
<p>WAC 222-23-025 sets three priorities for conveyances under the Riparian Open Space Program: order of receipt of applications, ecological value and landowner's immediacy of need. Please describe the immediacy of need.</p> <p><i>(Examples of immediacy of need: economic hardship, substantial burden in complying with rules, presence of threatened or endangered species, etc.)</i></p>	

**Certification and Signature**

My signature below certifies that the information contained in this application or submitted in conjunction with this application is correct, and I desire that this application be processed by DNR under the statutes and procedures currently in effect for the Riparian Open Space Program. I understand that this is a competitive program with limited funding and that my property ultimately may or may not be selected for participation in the program.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_